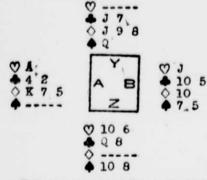
# PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

Positions at Bridge Afford Practical Lessons for Players.

TRICKS WITH DOMINOES

H. D. Lyman's Checker End Game Furnishes Another Puzzle for Experts.

Bridge problem No. 282 is a good example of the importance of unblocking the partner's suit, and the preparation for a tenace position which will be available later in the play of the hand. Here is the distribution :



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want all six tricks against any defence.

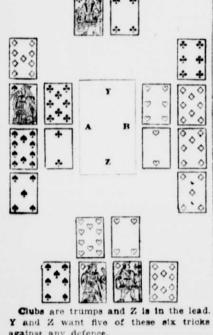
The solution is for Z to lead the heart, bringing down ace and jack, and establishing the remaining heart in his own hand. Y trumps the trick with the jack. so as to make both Z's trumps good for tricks over B.

Y leads the small trump, and whatever B plays Z wins. When Z leads the last trump to pick up the others, Y has an 26 opportunity to get out of his partner's The solution of problem No. 282, by way by discarding the queen of spades. H. D. Lyman, was a good example of a With his card out of his way, o can make wo spade tricks and his established This play shuts out the best pieces is: Black men on 4 and 10; king pieces is: Black men on 4 and 10; king on 12 heart, the top diamond and the second best trump in the hands of the opponents. and 16.

While this position should present no difficulties to the expert problem solver, It is in just such situations that even the best of players will continually slip a tenace at the right time.

Here is another instructive position, illustrating a play that wins or loses tricks according to the good or bad management of the situation. It is not as easy of solution as No. 282, because the adversaries are allowed one trick.

BRIDGE PROBLEM NO. 284.



o diamonds. A has the eight and deuce of trumps; line of diamonds; queen ten five of spades: no hearts.

spades; no hearts.

B has the six and deuce of hearts;
six of trumps; eight seven five of diamonds; no spades. Z has the ten and four of hearts; king of diamonds and seven of spades;

CHECKER ENDINGS.

After the members of THE SUN Checker After the members of The Sun Checker Club had been informed definitely that No. 278 was a win for white they had two more weeks to analyze it, or four in all, but only three got it, These were John Daly, P. H. Joyce and John Ryan.

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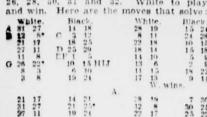
solution submitted by the aspirants for the honor list H. D. Lyman, the composer, says:

"Number 278 went in as a problem, younger members of the family can do it." definitely stated as 'white to play and win.' Any player having the analytical ability to solve it should be able to do it at one sitting and certainly within two

'Any problem with the assertion of positive terms, 'to win,' is a challenge to all players by the author to show him wrong. In composing the author is studying hard not only to puzzle the solver, but to be eccurate. He is thus, in imagination. while composing playing against a large number of opponents, and that is what dimulates him to extra exertions to pro duce something that players will regard as worth while,"

When this problem, No. 278, was making given solvers were asked for their opingiven solvers were asked for their opinjons; was it a win or a draw for Mr.
Lyman against Champion Wyllie? In
answer to this John Daly of Fall River
trick is to draw it at the first attempt
without going over any line twice or
without going over any line twice or was the only player to claim a distinct without going over any line win and prove it. It was then given to lifting the pencil from the paper. every one as a win for white, but only two others could show it. Here is the

In war time it is frequently necessary for those who have not access to the miliand 23. White men on 12, 13, 21, 22, tary code to send messages that would 28, 30, 31 and 32. White to play not be intelligible to the enemy in case 26, 28, 30, 31 and 32. White to play and win. Here are the moves that solve:



B. wine.

## B. 25 12 50 CHESS FOR PLAYER, 18 25 21 17 25 29 3 12 Same as trunk at 8th move. LOVER AND STUDENT

26 22 L 1 5 11 7 2 11 2 17 W. wins. Marshall Meets Teichmann in Two Match Games in Berlin, Losing and Drawing.

32 27

Drawn

5 9

H.

J.

so the position is here given as a prob-

PROBLEM NO. 284-CHECKERS.

By H. D. Lyman.

Black.

The distribution of the pieces is as fol-ws: Black men on 2, 6, 9, 10, 12 and king on 29. White men on 13, 17,

White man on 18; kings white to play and draw.

The answer to this problem, which was

simple position which might easily lost, although there is a draw for wi in three moves. The distribution of

Black to play and draw.

16-11

TO PLAY AT MANNHEIM

His Present Intention to Take Part in International

Tournament.

Tourn There will probably be some question raised as to the correctness of the state-ment that variation "G" is a drawn game,

Sun that her husband after Examples of the simultaneous exhibitions in Russia went straight to Berlin, where at the Cafe Kerkau he engaged in two match games with the German player Teichmann. He was not in particularly good form. He was not in particularly good form. He was not in particularly good form. He loss one game and was able only to draw the second. He also gave a simultaneous exhibition at the cafe and he met with a loss for the cafe and he met with a hearty reception on the part of the many spectators who had come to watch many spectators who had come to watch many spectators who had come to watch the American champion at rapid transit chess.

At present Marshall has the intention of participating in the Mannheim international chess tournament, to which contest the following masters have made application for a place in addition to Marshall: Alechine, Duras, Janowski, Rubinstein, Spielmann, Dr. Tarrasch, Dr. Tarshall: Alechine, Duras, Janowski, Rubinstein, Spielmann, Dr. Tarrasch, Dr. Tarshall: Alechine, Duras, Janowski, Rubinstein, Spielmann, Dr. Tarrasch, Dr. Tarshall, Dr. Tarshall, Dr. Tarshall, Dr. Tarshall, Dr. Tarshall: Alechine, Duras, Janowski, Rubinstein, Spielmann, Dr. Tarrasch, Dr. Tarshall, Dr Antze of Leipsic, three men who by whinding a minor tournament at the last German chess congress achieved the title of master and must be allowed to play if application is made by either PROBLEM NO. 476. By G. HEATHCOTE. of them. The committee will have a hard job to determine to whom of the other twenty applicants places in the

masters' tournament will be given.
Capablanca, when writing to a friend
in this city from St. Petersburg under
date of June 11, does not mention in his letter his intention of going to Mann-heim. On the other hand he says that he was very ill when the St. Petersburg tournament was begun and he thought at once that his health was not good enough to last through such a long tournament. Capablanca does not menn anything about being tra Berlin by his Government. fact he requested a reply to his letter to his St. Petersburg address.

From another source news comes that Marshall gave two simultaneous exlibitions at Berlin and Magdeburg also one jointly with champion Dr. Las-ker. The two were playing against twenty men, each master making a move up and lose tricks at the card table. As for the beginner, nothing is more common than for him to block himself, or to fail to provide for a lead through the fail to provide for a lead

One of the members of THE SUN Checker Clab suggests that members might communicate with one another as to the places at which they spend their summer vacations, with a view to an occasional match at checkers across the board. The Sun will be glad to act as secretary in the matter and forward names and addresses to those who wish it.

Awards have been made of the special prizes in the gambit tournament held at Baden. Austria, with the result that Reti received the prize of 100 crowns offered by L. Collin for the best Danish gambit, which he played against Nyholm. Fahrni for the finest Scotch gambit, which he played against Opocenski, received the prize of 100 crowns offered by should form a closed circuit, depends on the number of stones employed. In the problem this was restricted to the short set, ending at double fours and consisting of fifteen stones only, but the same principle applies to any set up to souther pines.

H. Colladay, and Jacob Rosenthal.

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It is an easy matter to go astray on puzzles of this kind, through overlooking the peculiarity of the conditions. All dominoes are not interchangeable, and after such a stone as 4—1 has been used. there is no place for 1—4. The trap in the problem is the doublets, which can be used in only two positions.

As there are five doublets, which can be stuck in at either of the two positions in which they will fit, we have to get the fifth power of 2, which is 32, and to multiply the other permutations by this figure.

There remain ten dominoes which can be matched ends in permutations as follows:

O—1, 1—2, 2—0, 0—3 or 0—4 &c. 12 ways 0—1, 1—2, 2—4, 4—0, 1, or 3 &c. 16 ways 0—1, 1—2, 2—3, 3—0, 1, or 4 &c. 12 ways 0—1, 1—2, 2—4, 4—0, 1, or 3 &c. 16

Changing the second domino from 1—2 | Players | W | L | Players | M | J | Players | W | L | Players | M | J | Players | W | L | Players | M | J | Players |

ninoes can be arranged with matched is.

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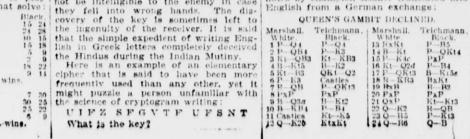
the game and hence he ought to be the first to be allowed to join the visitors' rank at a nominal fee at the Manhattan

Correct solutions from:
Algernon Bray and W. A. Bulkley.
Several who tried this got a figure representing the permutations of fifteen things lows: "I am not a strong player and taken fifteen at a time, which will not do neither can I afford the time to regularly visit any chess club. Nor could I afford to pay the sum of \$25 to join the Manhattan Chess Club. On the other hand I never did care to visit any club without being allowed to pay even a little share toward the expenses of the organization. The idea of being able to get a visitor's card for a nominal sum would just suit my case to a nicety. I therefore should be very pleased indeed to make an amplication for a visitor's card."

application for a visitor's card."

Still another correspondent is of the opinion that, while the public at large has nothing to do with certain policies to be adopted by the directors of the Manhattan or any other chess club, when it comes to getting the cooperation of several clubs in order to, as it were, bring up the funds toward the expense in getthe funds toward the expense in get-ting one or two famous European players to this country, it would be best to get the Metropolitan League to manage that affair. When this league was es-tablished last year the founders of the league desired that body to become very large. In addition to the annual chamleague desired that body to become very busy. In addition to the annual championship tournament, a tournament for individual championship honors should be arranged and no harm would be done if the league would try to arrange a national masters' tournament, and if things could be enlivened here by inviting distinguished foreign expects to visit this tinguished foreign experts to visit this country it would be the league's business to take that matter in hand.

Following is the score of the game played by Marshall and Teichmann with notes by champion Lasker translated into English from a German exchange:



AFTER BLACK'S TWENTY- ASSISTING CALLS Black (Teichmann)-11 pieces.



White (Marshall)-11 pieces.

changed Q's and have tried to get his bishop to B5.

(g) Excellent play, as it gloss the knight a chance to become very aggressive.

(h) Threatening R—842 with a killing attack.

(h) A Marshall trap. If black could have answered with the natural looking move 35.

B—K3, white would have won as follows: 36.

RxR, BxR, 27, B—Q5 ch, K—R, 38, B—KB4, &c.

(j) The end game, as actually played, was a long worn out affair. After 42, R—K17 eh black could have wound up the game much quicker by 42. K—B3, 8, RxP, R—R7, 44 P—R4, R (Q4)—Q7, &c.

Black-10 Pieces.



PROBLEM NO. 477. BY DR. E. PALKOSKA.

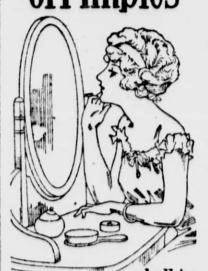


White to play and mate in three moves. SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 478.

1. Q-K:7, KtxQ: 2, KtxRP ch, 1. Q-K:7, Kt-B3; 2, QxKt, &c. SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 475.

### Crawfish Prisoned in a Stone.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 2.-Clyde error. Hosse, 718 West Ohio street, while mussel the digging found a crawfish in a rock fastened so that it cannot got out and cannot be released alive. The rock is hollow and has only one small opening. It is believed the crawfish crawled into the rock when small and grew. It feeds by putting out its claws from the hole.



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# AT ROYAL AUCTION eight tricks at royals against B's cards if A has a no trump hand.

A Common and Sometimes Costly Error in Bidding by Third Hand.

TEST OF HAND'S STRENGTH

Unsound Declarations and

Convention Many Players

Do Not Observe.

In teaching any one a game it is always a question whether it is better to start by eradicating the worst faults or the most common. A very bad fault in foyal auction may not be at all common, owing to lack of opportunity, and while it may lose three or four tricks or set a contract for 400 or 500 points when it happens, it is not half so expensive in the long run as the continual repetition of some fault that loses 50 or 100 points at a time and the ace of clubs are all that Y and Z can get out of it.

Even with this very bad original declaration Y and Z could save the game against the not rumper if A should win the first or second round of spades and head a club, as four spades and the club ace are just enough. If Y leaves the no trumper in and A refuses to win the first two spade leads A can go game, even if he wins only two club tricks. Such a result of a bad assist when the original call to the very common error of counting trumps good for tricks just because they are not in the hands of the adversaries.

There seem to be two reasons why some persons persist in this error. One is that they do not know the conventional rule for estimating the strength of an assisting hand under any given circumstances, and the other is that they do not know a certain trick from a simple hope. With some players an ace and two hopes appear to be good for four or five tricks.

There is nothing in Y's hand to justify this assist. Outside of his trumps Y has not a sure trick in his hand and of what use are his trumps when he cannot ruff anything until the fourth round of the suit? B passed. He is not strong There seem to be two reasons why some

be good for four or five tricks.

The convention for an original assist, when the intervening player overcalls, depends on the nature of the declaration, because what would be a perfectly justifiable bid to assist a partner's trump call might be wholly unwarranted in case he had started with a no trumper.

anything until the fourth round of the suit? B passed. He is not strong with bids, but A went two royals.

Once more Y advanced the contract, bidding three hearts. Now B assists, although he has only an acc outside, because if his partner can afford to rebid his hand without any assistance from

This average strength which the dealer bas a right to base his bids on will be found to be two sure tricks and a probable the second with a small trump and lead-cutting quality of the bow of the collier

found to be two sure tricks and a probable third, and an excellent test for any declaration by the dealer, although it is not given as such in any of the text books, is to consider how many tricks he must find in his partner's hand in order to carry out his contract. If he needs more than he has a right to expect it is a weak declaration.

The authorities seem pretty well agreed to the second with a small trump and leading trumps. Dummy being left in the lead played a club, the finesse of the der into simple pushing force the side of the liner would have been stove in, but not cut open. And the damage would have been almost entirely above the waterline.

The odd trick that Z made shows that it would not be contract bed.

Mr. Conrad also declared that it would not be contract bed.

the most common faults at the bridge table, which gives a chance for a double error. The player who assists on a hand the error and an unsound opening bid by lem is as wonderful in the dealer:

Here is an example of the other end of the most common faults at the bridge the error, a perfectly justifiable assist. Conrad says, "the solution of the problem."

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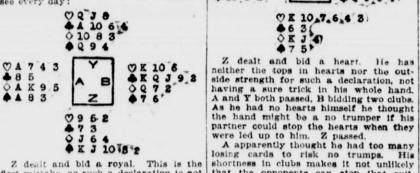
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In the error, a perfectly justifiable assist. Conrad says, "the solution of the problem." which does not justify it is probably pushing a hand that had no right to make the declaration.

The result of such a combination is a

large increase in the expense account and a big balance on the wrong side of the ledger, provided the partners are op- QAQJ85 posed by players who have a better understanding of the value of their hands.

Here is an illustration of what one may



bid, this assist is totally unwarranted. Y has no right to suppose that his partner has anything more than an average hand, and in view of A's no trump declaration, Z's hand can hardly be any-

trumps and a trick or two outside, what chance have they to go game against a no trumper? On the other hand, what chance has the no trumper to go game against Y and Z if Z has what Y thinks he has?

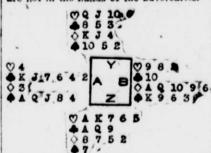
In order to protect his partner's club suit A started right out with two rounds of trumps. This disarred dummy and shut off the ruft that Y had calculated on as possible. B discarded two small clubs. It is claimed that it will in as possible. B discarded two small clubs. It is claimed that it will in the thickest weather enable the cape of the face of the f

club.

On the third club lead, a small one from B, Z will shut out A's trump with the jack, and Y pulls the two remaining trumps with the queen and nine, after which Z's last trump is forced out with the established club suit and A gets in with the heart ace to make the long diamond at the end. Four trump tricks and the ace of clubs are all that Y and Z can get out of it.

Even with this very bad original declar-

trump, which A wins and leads another



presents itself in almost every hand that trumps with two tops and a sure trick outside with another probable. If his

this partner to win something, and as there is no reason why he should assume that any one of the three players at the table is stronger that the two others he looks to his partner for average strength. All three players should be assumed to be about equally strong.

That they will not prove to be so is evident, but in the long run this strength in the second hand on one deal it will be in the second hand on another, and again in the fourth hand. At the end of a hundred deals the law of averages will generally be found to have held good.

This average strength which the dealer

B, who doubled instead of persisting with the royals.

Whether or not this was a good bid of B's is a question, as he is not sure of any large penalties, and A's bid ding should have encouraged him to go on with the royals.

These cork fenders are always kept on the deck of ships, though as a rule are only used when the vessel is docking. As her bow or side approaches the edge of the pier the fenders are lowered by ropes, and by their elastic composition they absorb the force of any large penalties, and A's bid of B's is a question, as he is not sure of any large penalties, and A's bid on the deck of ships, though as a rule on the dec

declaration.

The authorities seem pretty well agreed that the strength required in the dealer's hand for a winning suit declaration is three by his bidding except to loss 300 points.

The odd trick that Z made shows that would not have been difficult for a passed and that Y accomplished nothing by his bidding except to loss 300 points.

Correct solutions received to problem 8.0.

To from William Runk, Ridgewood, N. J.:

ames Roberts, Philadelphia; Prof. N. L.

cerry, Brooklyn; C. H. O'Connor, Montelstr.

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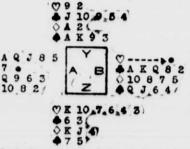
Additional correct solutions received to robbems Nos. 471 and 412 from C. J. Winhester, Coronado, Cal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Good for the three in that suit on the average. The stronger the trump suit the less the necessity for the outside variance of the stronger that tump suit the less the necessity for the outside tricks.

Some players make the bid with nothing ing but the five trumps, but that such a declaration is unsound must be evident if we consider that it will be necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE.



Z dealt and bid a heart. He has neither the tops in hearts nor the outside strength for such a declaration, not having a sure trick in his whole hand. A and Y both passed, B bidding two clubs.

first mistake, as such a declaration is not justified on any theory. To carry out his When A passed, Y bid two hearts without contract he must make three of his trumps and his partner must win four tricks. That is, Y must be twice as into the bargain. When it came to A strong as either of the opponents, or as

Granted that Z holds three tricks in to win the game if they can be made.

Y has an honor in royals to lead, and the jack on the return, which lost to the pass or sextant if he is within fif

game. On the other hand, if spades are trumps A must have a sure trick in the suit, as indicated by his bidding, and there is not much chance for Z to make eight tricks at royals against B's cards if A has a no trump hand.

The hand would not go well for A and B at no trumps if A had accepted his partner's invitation to try that declaration with his stoppers in hearts. The

eight tricks at royals against B's cards if A has a no trump hand.

Neither Y nor Z had any way to jump, so the contract stood and they were set for 300 points. A leads three rounds of diamends, B winning the third and coming back with the king of clubs.

At no trump, Y would naturally lead the heart nine, and A would win the trick with the jack on Z's finesse, it is pummy has no better lead than the small trump, which A wins and leads another. second hand, taking it for granted that B would put up a high card, B would find his clubs impossible to establish but Y would be able to make two tricks in the suit, and the result would probably be that A would not make the odd trick even, but would be set on his contract. contract.

contract.

This convention for assisting a trump declaration by the dealer applies, of course, only to the two major suits. The third hand does not push a club or a diamond unless he sees game, or unless it is the only defence and he is willing to take a time to save the rubber.

a sting to save the rubber.

## SUGGESTS FENDER FOR EVERY OCEAN LINER

SERIES of accidents to ocean lin-A ers, following close on the heels of the Empress of Ireland disaster in the St. Lawrence, gives added impor-tance at present to investigations and experiments having for their purpose the minimizing of the perils of the sea.

The principle of the inner and outer skin, or in other words, the continuation of the double bottom as high as the water line, was more fully recognized and adopted. Legislation was enacted providing for sufficient lifeboats and rafts to accommodate every passenger and member of the crew.

The recent loss of the Empress of Ireland, the ramming of the Kaiser W helm II., the stranding of the Buelov and the Gothland were due to fog, and the study of means to prevent similar tragedies of the sea follow an entirely different line of investigation Since the Empress of Ireland was sent

to the bottom by the collier Storstad a wireless safety device intended to indi cate the exact position of ships has had a successful test. The application of the wireless telephone to the same use has been theoretically demonstrated. But perhaps the simplest suggestion as to how the loss of the Empress of Ireland might have been averted comes from Joseph Conrad, the English nevelist, whose tales of the sea carry the tang of the

had started with a no trumper.

An assist that would be the proper thing for a declaration in a major suit might be very bad policy in the case of a minor suit, because of the difference in the objects of the original declaration, and no one need to told that it is not necessary to support a spade bid because it has nothing to do with the spade suit at all.

It is very seldem that the dealer holds in his hand as many tricks as he bids, but he has a partner. He depends on this partner to win something, and as there is no reason why he should assume the spades. As this looks like a game hand the presence of mind to drop over the spades. As this looks like a game hand the presence of mind to drop over the spades. As this looks like a game hand the presence of mind to drop over the spades. As this looks like a game hand the presence of mind to drop over the spades. As this looks like a game hand the presence of the seat carry the tang of the salt brine.

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1. Q—R. KxKt; 2. P—Bs(Q) ch, &c.

Correct solutions received to problem No. 475 from William Rusk, Ridgewood, N. J.; James Roberts, Philadelphia; Prof. N. L. Perry, Brooklyn; C. H. O'Connor, Montclaft, N. J.; L. B. Swanders, New York city; R. P. Landsford, Brooklyn; A. R. Calders, Washington; "Admiter," Baltimore, Additional correct solutions received to problem the stronger that the quealer's passed and that Y accomplished nothing by his bidding except to loss 300 points. It would have been much cheaper to lose of contact. In docking it is frequently invincible at royals.

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dent if we consider that it will be necessary to find the partner with four sure tricks to carry out the contract, which is a highly improbable holding. The reason the "cook" FxP.

Henry Giles, Jr., New York city.—You are advised to direct your query to the are advised to direct your query to the weakness.

This brings us to the root of one of the most common faults at the bridge.

Here is an example of the other end of the contract, which is an in the future Mr. Conrad enthusiastically approves a suggestion which he says was made by a retired captain in the royal navy. The very simplicity of the device, if it is as effective as and the game.

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Here is an example of the other end of the other end of the most common faults at the bridge. Here is an example of the other end of some one think of it before?" As Mr as the celebrated trick of Columbus's egg, and infinitely more useful to man-The device is one that is in use on

every tugboat in the river and ha about New York. And the sugge tion is that the great liners, just as humble tugboats, be equipped with a "pudding" over their bows Every one who has watched the fussy puffing little tugboats push and strain to turn the big liners into their docks has noticed that the bow of the turboat does not come in contact with the side of the big ship. Over the bow of each tug is a heavy coil of rop wound round an inside core of cork This coil, which is some or hemp. times two feet thick, is elastic, can be depended on to spread out absorb shock and minimize any cutting action when steel bow meets steel side. And the British naval captain's idea is that big liners and little liners, mam His moth cargo boats and rusty tramps be required to carry these "puddings or "sausages" over their bows.

Imagine the Aquitania or the Vater land coming into port with what looked like an enormous French "croissan" strong as either of the opponents, or as strong as both put together, on the average, counting sure tricks.

A bid no trump. He can stop the adversaries' suit and has four sure and a probable fifth in his hand. If his partner can win two, that is the contract. Y bid two royals. Leaving entirely out of the question the soundness of Z's bid, this assist is totally unwarranted.

Strong as either of the opponents, or as hie doubled. With his own strength, combined with his confidence in his partner's bid, Y took this double as more of a bluff than anything else and redoubled. If Z has three trump tricks and anything outside, it must be in diamonds. Y can ruff the fog horn of a ship approaching the one on which they were travelling. Mr Conrad predicts emphatically that if all ships were equipped with such permanent bow fenders, rough and unsightly or bread crescent, hanging from he

The wireless safety device referred to has just been tested on the Canadian Y has an honor in royals to lead, and that should clear the suit. Y can stop two other suits, clubs and hearts, and if his partner's outside trick is in diamonds the spades make and the game is safe.

Instead of having the strength to justify his assist, which would be something better than average, better than two tricks and a probable third, Y has only one sure trick in his hand, the ace of clubs, and cannot ruff anything with his three trumps.

Of course B doubled the two royals. He calculates that the spade suit would be led and established at once against A's no trumper and would just about save the